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Our campaign in this State relative to John P. Hale & Annexation has been rather a failure - More so than it need have been as the matter now appears. The State Democratic Convention was held yesterday, and Hale's neck was brought to the block. A John Woodbury of Exeter, (never before heard of as I can find out) was nominated in his stead.

I am very sorry to find my health suffers greatly by the sedentary life I am leading - The weather of late has confined me, or I should have been more in the field with the agents - This agrees with me better, and my intention is to lecture considerable, (as some men take brandy) "_strictly as a medicine_."

Be assured your letters are highly prized, and write me as your convenience will admit -

Very affectionately yours & your Family's
Parker Pillsbury.

had so limited a circulation, and that it came in time to its terminus. How Rogers could stand silent, and see such floods of low, vulgar, senseless abuse poured upon us in his defence, & by his devotees and fawning sycophants, is more than can be imagined - God of compassion save me from the dire calamity of such defenders -

And then the meanness & dishonesty exhibited. Even such men as Abram Folsom & [illegible] Beach of Dover have stopped the Herald with a balance due of three or four dollars - We have written them weeks ago on the subject, but they take no notice of us. Their shares in the press & type, they have given to Rogers - If they demand of me the money back again that they have contributed in former years to my support, and make me pay it too, it will be only what some others have done. If the Herald have made such kind of Reformers, receive our thanks kind Heaven, that its mission as it was, is numbered with the things beyond the flood.

As to the new paper - The Herald of Freedom, the folks here do not believe it will ever see the light - My opinion is that one No. may appear, though it is very doubtful whether it ever goes beyond that - Should one be issued, it might injure ours greatly - as it would probably be a signal for many more to discontinue - I am glad you propose to dissect that Circular & Prospectus in the Liberator - I wish you would give me your opinion as to what I had better do about publishing what you may write upon it, and whether I had better notice it at all. The latter course is my choice altogether, ~~alth~~ although if it becomes necessary, I can go into this conflict as well as into the one from which we have just emerged. I wish to keep out entirely as long as possible.

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Dear Friend Garrison —

By this time you have received the Herald, and have found your communicatio inserted *as in the Original.* One advantage resulting from the recent change in the Herald is, that it is invariably printed & issued *just at the time* — Wednesdy afternoon. But virtue seems in this instance, to have been your misfortune — for your second letter was not received until an hour after the paper went to press — *If you are sorry*, I am — but not otherwise — In matter of fact, you are correct — In choice of language, not more severe than the case warrants — As to pleasing Rogers & French, that is out of the question — For you to write *at all* on the subject, will be held a *capital crime* by them, whether you dipped your pen in gall or honey — sweet oil or lava & melted brimstone — And so I am inclined to adapt the old adage — "as well be hung for an old sheep as a lamb" —

I cannot please friend Rogers — nor can you — Nothing short of a perfect abandonment of the whole ground — a full retraction of all we have ever said or written, and an unconditional return of the whole Herald establishment to his & French's hands, would be of any avail towards a reconciliation — And even then, they would but despise, and indeed should we take such a course, they would have reason to despise us —

After all I have seen and heard, my deliberate conclusion is that the cause of Anti Slavery & indeed of all *true* Reform will find no occasion to regret the separation of ~~the~~ Rogers & French from the ranks of the abolitionists. It may not be demonstrable, how far the Herald has moulded the character of its readers — but if it has done any considerable part in making such spirits as we have had to encounter in this controversy, I for one am glad it has